

REMARKS

Claims 1-39 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, independent claims 1, 15, 29 and 36 are amended; and claims 37-39 are added. Support for the amendments can be found, for example, at paragraph [0045] (controller placing image forming device in an editing mode); paragraph [0048] (external device/information processor sending editing request); paragraph [0047] (editing in the image forming device being controlled by an external device/information processor; printing data is sent back to the external device for editing; and the printing data is replaced by edited printing data received from the external device); and paragraph [0051] (the printing data can be edited while a portion of the printing data is still being received). No new matter is added.

Applicants appreciate the courtesies shown to Applicants' representative by Examiner Riley in the May 28, 2009 personal interview. Applicants' separate record of the substance of the interview is incorporated into the following remarks.

I. The Claims Are Patentable Over The Applied References

The Office Action (1) rejects claims 1-10, 15-24, 29-34 and 36 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over U.S. Patent No. 6,678,064 to Bruce in view of U.S. Patent No. 4,806,978 to Nakatani; and (2) rejects claims 11-14, 25-28 and 35 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over Bruce and Nakatani, and further in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,288,790 to Yellepeddy et al. (Yellepeddy). Applicants respectfully traverse the rejections.

Regarding independent claims 1, 15, 29 and 36, the applied references, even if combined, fail to result in (1) "receives a print request from the external device, the print request including printing data to be printed in accordance with the print request, and after reception of the printing data has begun, receives an editing request from the external device to edit the printing data" (claim 1), "a print request received from the external device; editing means for enabling editing of the printing data previously stored in the storage means of the

image forming device in response to an editing request received from the external device to edit the printing data" (claim 15), "the print request and the printing data transmitted from the information processor; allowing editing of the printing data previously stored in the image forming device in response to the image forming device receiving an editing request from the information processor to edit the printing data" (claim 29), and "a receiving part that receives printing data from the host device" and "an editing part that sets the printing data stored in the memory to an editing-allowable state according to an editing request from the host device" (claim 36).

Further regarding independent claims 1, 15, 29 and 36, the applied references, if combined, fail to disclose "wherein the external device/ information processor/ host device controls the editing of the printing data".

Feature (1) quoted above was previously recited in claim 36. Regarding claim 36, the Office Action alleges that the feature of "an editing part that sets the printing data stored in the memory to an editing-allowable state according to an edit request from the host device" is disclosed in Bruce at col. 2, lines 13-22 and Fig. 3, touch screen 320. However, col. 2, lines 13-22 only addresses display and manipulation of print jobs in a print queue and that touch screen 320 enables a user to edit a print request order. Thus, the cited sections do not disclose a host device providing a request to edit the printing data.

Further, Bruce is directed to a networked printing environment in which an image forming device allows a user to edit the order of print requests. Nakatani is directed to enabling a user to provide edit commands to edit graphical features of images scanned into a copier. Yellepeddy is directed to enabling a user to change the state of a print job (col. 7, lines 5-14). That is, all of the applied references disclose that it is a user that initiates editing of print data or print queues. Thus, none of the applied references discloses a device that

provides a print request/printing data and that provides an editing request to edit the printing data.

Regarding feature (2) quoted above, because a user initiates the editing of the print data or print queues in each of the applied references, none of the applied references discloses an external device, information processor (in an external device), or host device that controls the editing of printing data.

For the foregoing reasons, Applicants request withdrawal of the rejections.

II. New Claims

Regarding new claim 37, the applied references, even if combined, fail to result in "wherein the printing data is sent back to the external device for editing by the external device."

Regarding new claim 38, the applied references, even if combined, fail to result in "wherein the printing data to be edited is replaced by edited printing data that was edited by the external device."

Regarding new claim 39, the applied references, even if combined, fail to result in "wherein the controller enables editing of a received portion of the printing data while a remaining portion of the printing data is still being received."

As agreed at the personal interview, the applied references do not disclose these features. Thus, Applicants submit that new claims 37-39 are patentable over the references of record in addition to the reasons claim 1 is patentable.

III. Conclusion

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

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